

# **ATTACHMENT A.1**

## **NOTICE OF OPTING OUT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVISION**

This notice is given pursuant to Section 402(a)(1)(B)(iv) of the Social Security Act. This is written notice that Iowa continues to choose to opt out of the provision that requires a parent or caretaker receiving assistance under the program who, after receiving such assistance for 2 months is not exempt from work requirements and is not engaged in work, as determined under section 407(c), to participate in community service employment, with minimum hours per work and tasks to be determined by the State.

However, it is important to note the following:

- Iowa provides unpaid community service as an option of the Family Investment Agreement under the PROMISE JOBS program.
- Unpaid community service is appropriate as a method of achieving or increasing employability for recipients who are not able to immediately move into paid employment.
- It is appropriate to expect individuals to seek other work-related opportunities where paid employment is not available and unpaid community service is reasonable.
- If determined necessary, in the future Iowa may expand the use of unpaid community service or mandate community service for certain recipients.

However, mandating unpaid community service as provided in Section 402(a)(1)(B)(iv) of the Social Security Act does not appear to be consistent with Iowa's current Family Investment Program or as it may potentially be changed in the future. Therefore, Iowa continues to opt out of the provision at this time.

**CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE:**

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**Date**

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**Kim Reynolds, Governor  
State of Iowa**

# ATTACHMENT B

## ♥ State Plan Certifications ♥

This Attachment B has been designed to enable the Chief Executive Officer of a State to certify that the State will operate its Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program in accordance with the statutory requirements in section 402 of the Social Security Act.

Kim Reynolds, Governor, State of Iowa, is the Executive Officer of the State.

*This attachment covers more than just 402(a).*

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

The State will operate a program to provide Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF):

- So that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives;
- To end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage;
- To prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies; and
- To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

In administering and operating a program that provides Temporary Assistance for Needy Families with minor children under title IV-A of the Social Security Act, the State will:

1. Specify which State agency or agencies will administer and supervise the program under part A in all political subdivisions of the State.

The Iowa Department of Human Services is the agency with primary responsibility for administering the program.

The Iowa Department of Human Rights is a TANF sub-grantee agency responsible for administering Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) supportive programs.

2. Assure that local governments and private sector organizations:
  - (a) Have been consulted regarding the plan and design of welfare services in the State so that services are provided in a manner appropriate to local populations; and
  - (b) Have had at least 45 days to submit comments on the plan and the design of such services.
3. Operate a Child Support Enforcement program under the State Plan approved under part D.
4. Operate a Foster Care and Adoption Assistance program under the State Plan approved under part E, and take all such actions as are necessary to ensure that children receiving assistance under such part are eligible for medical assistance under the State Plan under Title XIX.
5. Provide each member of an Indian tribe, who is domiciled in the State and is not eligible for assistance under a tribal family assistance plan approved under

Section 412, with equitable access to assistance under the State program funded under this part attributable to funds provided by the Federal Government.

6. Establish and enforce standards and procedures to ensure against program fraud and abuse, including standards and procedures concerning nepotism, conflicts of interest among individuals responsible for the administration and supervision of the State program, kickbacks, and the use of political patronage.
7. Make available to the public a summary of Iowa's TANF State Plan.
8. Claim maintenance of effort (MOE) expenditures only for families that meet the State's criteria for "eligible families" as defined in this TANF State Plan.

**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION OF STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE  
SCREENING FOR AND IDENTIFYING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

[X ] The State has established and is enforcing standards and procedures to:

- (i) Screen and identify individuals receiving assistance under this part with a history of domestic violence while maintaining the confidentiality of such individuals;
- (ii) Refer such individuals to counseling and supportive services; and
- (iii) Waive, pursuant to a determination of good cause, other program requirements such as time limits (for as long as necessary) for individuals receiving assistance, residency requirements, child support cooperation requirements, and family cap provisions, in cases where compliance with such requirements would make it more difficult for individuals receiving assistance under this part to escape domestic violence or unfairly penalize such individuals who are or have been victimized by such violence, or individuals who are at risk of further domestic violence.

(Refer to (a)(7) of the TANF State Plan for details on implementation of these waivers in Iowa.)

Note: Iowa does not have a family cap provision. In addition, Iowa has never treated families moving into Iowa from another state differently than other families under its TANF programs, even prior to the United States Supreme Court decision: Rita L. Saenz, Director, California Department of Social Services, et al., Petitioners v. Brenda Roe and Anna Doe, etc., 119 S.Ct. 1518 (1999), which prohibits such treatment. Waivers are therefore not applicable to these provisions.

**CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE:**

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**Date**

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**Kim Reynolds, Governor  
State of Iowa**